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**AMENDMENT A**

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In response to the Office Action of August 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendment to the Title** begins on page 2 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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**AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title of the application to:

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MAGNETIC LAYER WITH A COLUMNAR STRUCTURE